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Governor Musgrove Directs Increase In Law Enforcement in Tunica

(Jackson, MS) –Today, Governor Ronnie Musgrove announced that he has directed the Department of Public Safety, the Mississippi Highway Patrol, and the Mississippi Gaming Commission to double their efforts in Tunica County.

"Our number one priority has been the safety and security of the residents and visitors to the State of Mississippi," said Musgrove. "Because of our efforts today, Tunica will be safer."

Musgrove stated that the Department of Public Safety, the Mississippi Highway Patrol, and the Mississippi Gaming Commission have been working together, along the FBI, the DeSoto County Sheriff's Office, and the Tunica County Administrator, to address the recent crime wave in Tunica.

- "In order to continue to protect the people and to bring these criminals to justice, we are doubling the state law enforcement presence in Tunica County," said Musgrove.
- "Over the past several months we have made great progress in securing Tunica County," said Commissioner David Huggins. "These additional efforts will help us expedite the arrests and conviction of these criminals."
- "I want to thank Governor Musgrove for his focus and efforts on solving this problem," said Larry Gregory, Executive Director of the Mississippi Gaming Commission. "Working together, we can help ensure the safety of our guests and our employees."